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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 18, 2006. Claims 1-57 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 15, 16 and 27 have been canceled, without disclaimer or prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the claims in one or more continuation applications.

The Office Action indicates that all of the remaining claims, that is, claims 1-14, 17-26 and 28-57, have been allowed.

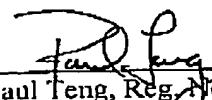
Accordingly, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication in the Office Action of allowable subject matter and submits that the allowed claims recite subject matter which further supports patentability for reasons in addition to those identified in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Office Action.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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